OCTOBER 1, 2003 REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

New Required Data Specifications Version 1.40

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All assessment records with completion dates (M0090) on or after 10/1/2003 must conform to the version 1.40 specifications. Assessments with earlier completion dates must conform to the version 1.30 specifications (or to earlier versions, as appropriate).
When compared with earlier versions of the data specifications, version 1.40 incorporates two major features: (1) changes to the reporting of diagnosis codes, and (2) reporting of branch IDs. These changes are described below.

Diagnosis Codes
In order to insure that home health agencies can report ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes to be compliant with HIPAA, certain changes were made in V1.40 regarding the collection and encoding of diagnosis codes. These changes are planned for October 1, 2003. The table below summarizes the data specification changes that have been made.

Data Item	Data Specs Version 1.30	Changes in Data Specs Version 1.40
M0190	No E-codes or V-codes allowed (first character of code must be a space).	No change.
M0210	No E-codes or V-codes allowed (first character of code must be a space).	No change.
M0230	No E-codes or V-codes allowed (first character of code must be a space).	V-codes allowed (E-codes still not allowed).
M0240	No E-codes or V-codes allowed (first character of code must be a space).	V-codes and E-codes allowed.
M0245	Item added to printed copies of data set to illustrate how this new item will be used. Not added to data specs.	Added to data specs. No E-codes or V-codes allowed (first character of code must be a space).

The two new M0245 fields that were added are as follows:

- M0245_PMT_ICD1 (bytes 755-761)
- M0245_PMT_ICD2 (bytes 762-768)

Branch ID
In prior versions of the data specifications, M0016 (branch ID) was an optional field. Even when reported by the HHA, there was no standardized numbering system for branches, so the information was not useful. CMS is in the process of assigning standardized branch IDs to every existing branch belonging to an HHA or subunit, and this process will be complete by the end of 2003. Version 1.40 of the data specifications requires that agencies report these standardized branch IDs in M0016 for all assessments with completion dates (M0090) on or after January 1, 2004.

HAVEN 6.2 NOW AVAILABLE!

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Please use version 6.2 after October 1, 2003.

The HAVEN 6.2 release incorporates version 1.40 of the OASIS Data Specifications, which adds two M0245 fields as well as edits for M0016 (Branch ID).

Legacy support is provided for the 1.20 and 1.30 specifications. However, assessment types 02 and 10 (for version 1.20) can no longer be exported, since the OASIS State System will reject these assessment types for any data specification. Legacy support for Data Submission Specification Versions 1.04 and 1.10 is only available for viewing and printing assessments.

Some minor enhancements were made to HAVEN functionality. Local Use files may now be encrypted at export and decrypted at import. The HIPPS claim key has been added to the header of HAVEN assessment reports. Users may now double-click an ICD-9 code in the pop-up window in order to populate the appropriate variable on the data entry screen. Backups can now span multiple floppy disks when the backup setting is set to ZIP.

NOTE: If this is an upgrade to a prior version of HAVEN, please backup the existing HAVEN files prior to installation of Version 6.2. For upgrades, the previously installed version of HAVEN must be Version 6.0 or higher. When HAVEN 6.2 is executed for the first time, it performs several patches to the HAVEN databases. Therefore, it is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that users create a backup of their HAVEN databases prior to running HAVEN 6.2.

HOME Health PPS Grouper

Version 1.05 of the home health PPS case mix grouper software, which accommodates changes in OASIS reporting requirements is effective 10/1/2003. It can be downloaded from the following website: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/hhapps/#Home
The file also includes the grouper coding logic (pseudocode), test records, and demonstration programs. Consult READM105.pdf (included) for complete details.